and increase their retention by making provision of two room buildings, an additional teacher in single teacher schools and supply of relevant teaching learning equipment. A comprehensive programme of inservice teacher training has been launched through establishment of District Institutes of Education and Training.

Maintenance of Pillars of Kedar Nath Temple

159. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a recent discovery, the pillars in the Garbh Grih of Kedar Nath Temple are found to be made of gold ;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study with regard to the authenticity or otherwise of the findings ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and in what manner Government propose to safeguard and maintain the pillars ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) As per the information of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Sri Badrinath and Kedarnath Temple Samiti, the pillars in the B Garba Grha of Kedar Nath Temple are not made of gold.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Stadia in Maharashtra and Gujarat

160. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state ;

(a) what is the number of stadia constructed or still under construction with the Central Assistance, at various places in each State during the Eighth Five Year Plan period ;

(b) whether any further requests are pending with the Central Government seeking assistance for construction of stadia ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof alongwith the proposed locations thereof ;

(d) whether there is a proposal from State Government of Maharashtra and Gujarat to construct stadia, during the said period ; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) and THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) : (a) During VIII Five Year Plan till date (1-4-92 to 30-11-93), 16 proposals for construction of stadia at various places have been sanctioned for Central Assistance. State-wise details of them are given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) 59 requests for Central Assistance for Construction of Stadium are pending at various stages with Central Government. The details alongwith the proposed location of these projects are given in Annexure (*See* Appendix CLXIX Annexure No. 12).

(d) and (e) 7 proposals for Central assistance for construction of Stadia have been received from the State Government of Maharashtra, out of which one has been sanctioned Central assistance and one proposal has been rejected. The status of the remaining 5 proposals is indicated in Annexure II referred to in reply to parts (b) & (c) of the question. No proposal for Stadia has been received from the State Government of Gujarat.